

er said, "if it was not for strong drink you would not have that nice dress." The brother spoke up and said, "nor me this nice suit either."

The child made no answer, but went on to Sunday-school. Her teacher loved her and did not like to hurt her feelings. She did not see how she could teach that temperance lesson without doing so. She had a notion to change the lesson, but something would not listen to that, so she went to God in prayer and taught the temperance lesson. The little girl thought seriously over it, and started home.

On her way she met another little girl, poorly dressed. She said, "why did you not go to Sunday-school?" The poor child related the story of her father, how he spent every cent at the saloon and left her and her mamma and brothers and sisters to starve and freeze. She said, "my mamma says that is where you get your silk dress and your nice home and that the saloon keeper can have a nice home here, but when he dies he will be lost for ruining so many souls, and when we die we will go to heaven. Then we will not need to be starved and froze any more."

The saloon keeper's daughter thought over what her teacher had said, her golden text and how that poor little girl looked. She walked home very sad and went and took her silk dress off and hung it in the darkest corner. She looked so sad that papa and mamma thought she was sick and placed her in bed. She laid there and wondered what to do. She remembered that God had said that we should ask for what we wanted and when we asked in his name he would answer. With the thought that she and her brother would pray for her father, she went to sleep.

Next morning, bright and early, she got up and woke her brother. He said, "are we not going to have a picnic or something nice to-day? You called me so early." She told him her plans and said, "if you are only a little tot, you can pray for papa. I will pray first, then you must pray." They went down stairs and to the saloon, went in and knelt behind the counter and prayed for their papa. As they were going they passed their father's room and he noticed them and wondered what they were going to do. He arose and followed. When they went into the saloon, his wonder was greatly increased. He stayed on the outside of the door, so they could not see him and watched them. He soon learned their mission, but could not give up his saloon he thought.

The children kept going every morning for a month. Then they began to grow weary and think God did not hear them. They asked God if he did not hear them,

and if he would not answer their prayer, and told him they were getting tired of coming to the saloon every morning. This was more than the father could bear. He opened the door and told the children God had heard their prayer and he knelt with them, and the same God who heard the children, heard the father. He sold his saloon and lived a Christian life.

I don't think that Sunday-school teacher thought of that lesson being the means of converting the saloon keeper, or she would not have thought about changing the lesson. Let us not be afraid of offending anybody by teaching God's word, for that is what makes the Sunday-school a missionary school.

It is in the Sunday-school that the young people are trained for the work that they must do when fathers and mothers have completed their work and gone to their eternal home. The Sunday-school is where the talents of the little children are increased. While they can not remember the sermons that they hear from the pulpits, they can remember the little songs and verses they learn in Sunday-school. So let us endeavor to make our Sunday-school a true nursery to the church.

The Mission Field.

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Secretary's report for September 1897.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.

Balance in treasurer's hands,	\$21 93
Amount received from K. C. Session N. C. (not exact)	20 00
Amount transferred from Nat. Con. treasury,	23.97
Ashland city church, Ohio, per E. J. Worst.	5 00
	70 90

WASHINGTON FUND.

S. S. C. E. at National Con.,	10.85
Annie Rickard per E. B. Shaver	2.00
N. C. Nielson, Herrington, Kans.,	2.50
Johnstown Brethren church, Pa.,	5.00

H. O. Wells, Kenilworth, Pa.,	2.50
Katie Keim, " "	1.00
Jonas Moyer, Hatfield, " "	1.00
Hagerstown church. Hagerstown, Maryland,	1.82
Contribution by Washington Mission,	7.71
	34.38

CHICAGO FUND.

S. S. C. E. at National Conference, \$10 85	
Mt. Zion church, Ohio, per D. Hendricks,	1.25
Ellen Gnagey, Milledgeville, Ill.,	25.00
Hugh and Gladys Leslie,	.40
J. B. Wampler,	3 30
Jacob Hazel,	1.00
Brother Frame,	1.00
P. M. Swihart,	1.00
Y. P. S. C. E.,	2.40
Class No. 4, Milledgeville S. S.,	2.00
Allen and Hazel Williams,	.54
Junction City, Kansas,	3.54
Nancy Miller,	1.00
Collection Christian church, Hamlin, Kansas,	2.52
Lecture by J. D. McFaden, Falls City, Nebr.,	42.67
Lecture by J. D. McFaden, Carleton, Nebr.,	42.67
Z. T. Livengood,	3 00
C. Rowland,	10.00
K. C. of Flora, Ind.,	2.00
Tent rent,	4.50
Rev. Hazlett,	15.00
	175.64

FOREIGN FUND.

Kanemorado Conference per C. F. Yoder,	5.50
Mission Box, Brethren church, Philadelphia, Pa.,	8.89

Philadelphia Brethren S. S. :

Mrs. Stone's class,	.30
Ethel Clark's class,	4.07
Mamie Godshal's class,	.80
Mary Clymer's class,	1.25
E. E. Roberts' class,	5.19
J. C. Cassel's class,	5.00
Sunday-school collection,	1.35
Jane House's class,	4.18
	36.53

SUMMARY.

Receipts.

General Fund,	70.90
Washington Fund,	34.38
Chicago Fund,	175.64
Foreign Fund,	36.53
Dayton Fund, S. S. C. E. at National Conference,	10.85
Total receipts,	328.30